

# **State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**March 22, 2006**

## **MINUTES**

### **Board Members Present:**

Della Estrada, L.Ac., Chairman  
Martha Grout, MD., Secretary  
Toni Karnas, Public Member  
Yong Deng, L.Ac., Professional Member  
Joe Balensi, L.Ac. Professional Member  
Michael J. Robb, DC, Professional Member  
Marcey Rosin, L.Ac., Professional Member

### **Board Members Absent:**

Lal Fernando, Public Member  
(pending appointment of one member)

### **Attorney General Representative:**

Lisa Miles, Assistant Attorney General

### **Administrative Staff:**

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

## **1. Call To Order**

Chairman Estrada called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

## **II. Review, discuss, and vote – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Board Member Grout moved the adoption of the February 22, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes (Teleconference).

The motion was seconded by Board Member Deng. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

## **III. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action**

#### Complaint #2005-008 Phoenix Institute of Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture

Executive Director Gonzalez provided the Board with a summary of the complaint and answered questions from board members. Board Member Balensi indicated he did believe the Board has jurisdiction in this matter.

Board Member Grout moved to dismiss Complaint #2005-008. The motion was seconded by Board Member Balensi. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

#### **IV. Consideration of Acupuncture Program: – Review, Discussion and Action The Board may go into executive session to obtain legal advice.**

Executive Director Gonzalez provided the Board with an explanation of the two schools of acupuncture found on the agenda: T'ai Institute of Oriental Medicine and Florida School of Acupuncture. Both schools are no longer in existence, but two applicants seeking licensure attended these institutions and are seeking program approval to satisfy licensing requirements.

After a lengthy discussion by the Board, the Board entered into executive session to obtain legal advice on this matter.

Upon resumption of the meeting, Chairman Estrada moved to “pend” both programs until additional documentation is brought before the Board for review and consideration. The motion was seconded by Board Member Grout. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

#### **V. Consideration of Applicants for Licensure – Review, Discussion and Action**

Chairman Estrada made a motion to approve licensure for applicants A, D, and E. Board Member Deng provided a second. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Board Member Grout made a motion to “pend” the applications of Patricia E. Martin and Gail P. Thurman. Board Member Estrada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

The Board instructed the Executive Director to work with applicants Patricia E. Martin and Gail P. Thurman in getting the necessary documentation for program and license review.

- A. Shannon L. Grampp
- B. Patricia E. Martin
- C. Gail P. Thurman
- D. Courtney O'Brien
- E. David L. Lowenstein

## **VI. Consideration of Applicants for Auricular Certification – Review, Discussion and Action**

Chairman Estrada moved the approval of auricular certificate applicant A. Board Member Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

A. Alice Kibby

## **VII. Consideration of Other Applications – Review, Discussion and Action**

### **Continuing Education:**

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) for Temporomandibular Joint Disorders(TMD)—13 credits. Provided by the Asian Institute of Medical Studies and taught by Scott D. Mist. March 3-5, 2006 in Tucson, Arizona.

Board Member Balensi moved for the approval of the continuing education course. A second was provided by Board Member Deng. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

## **VIII. Professional Business – Review, Discussion and Action**

- A. Legislative Report
- B. Rules Committee Report
- C. NADA (National Acupuncture Detoxification Association) Annual Conference
- D. Letter from the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) regarding cancellation of the February 2006 examinations
- E. Consideration of accepting comprehensive exams in lieu of the NCCAOM exam
- F. Preceptorship Forms
- G. Licensure by Endorsement

Executive Director Gonzalez provided an update on activities associated with the legislative and rules committees. The rules committee has completed its review of Board rules and will be providing a report to the full Board for consideration and action.

The Board was furnished with information on the NADA Annual Conference to be held in Tucson, April 28-29.

Executive Director Gonzalez reviewed the request made at the February meeting to consider using the comprehensive exam of an acupuncture school due to the postponement of the NCCAOM exam. The Board discussed the merits of the request and determined to continue its use of the NCCAOM exam.

The Executive Director updated the Board on the development of the preceptorship forms and how these forms will become available to those interested in the program.

A brief discussion took place regarding the topic of licensure by endorsement. This topic has been discussed previously, but a consensus has not been reached on how to address this matter. The Executive Director indicated he will be speaking with Executive Directors from a number of states that have adopted licensure by endorsements to gain a better understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of taking such action.

## **IX. Executive Director Report**

- A. Revenue report
- B. *Candidates for licensure previously before the Board*

The Board reviewed by the revenue report. The Executive Director informed the Board of a request, by an applicant who was not approved for licensure, to delay his administrative hearing until he returns later this year. The applicant is out of country and unable to return at this time. The Board is in accordance with the request.

## **X. Future Agenda Items -- Review, Discussion and Action**

None.

## **XI. Future Meeting Dates – Review, Discussion and Action**

April 26, 2006  
May 24, 2006

## **XII. Call to the Public**

Applicants Patricia Martin and Gail Thurman addressed the Board in regards to their efforts to gain licensure in the State of Arizona.

Catherine Niemiec from the Phoenix Institute of Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture offered to provide her assistance if needed.

### **XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. following a motion by Board Member Estrada and was seconded by Board Member Balensi. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Gonzalez  
Executive Director